



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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Electricity

AES's 498 MW Alamos Gas-fired Unit 5 in California Shut by May 5

According to the California Independent System Operator, the unit experienced an unplanned outage by May 5.
<http://www.caiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus200905051515.html>

Update: Reliant's 320 MW Etiwanda Gas-fired Unit 3 in California Returns to Service by May 5

According to the California Independent System Operator, the unit returned from an unplanned outage.
<http://www.caiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus200905051515.html>

ERCOT Should Consider Additional Interconnects with Midwest Market to Expand Wind Energy Integration, FERC Chairman Says

In a recent teleconference, U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Chairman suggested that the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) should consider increasing the capacity of its interconnects with adjacent grids. Specifically, the Chairman said ERCOT could be more strongly interconnected to the Midwest, allowing for better integration of wind into the overall electric system.

<http://www.platts.com/Electric%20Power/News/8538600.xml?p=Electric%20Power/News&sub=Electric%20Power>

Refueling Restart of FPL's 693 MW Turkey Point Nuke Unit 3 in Florida Halted on Reports of Welding Defect May 6

FPL reported to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission that it stopped the restart of one nuke unit at its Turkey Point nuclear power station in Florida to fix a main steam isolation valve problem. Specifically, workers discovered a possible weld defect during a walk down. The company did not say when it would try to restart the unit again, saying it was investigating the cause of the main steam isolation valve failure.

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/event/en.html>

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/oilRpt/idUKN0654335820090506>

Bloomberg News, 07:32 May 6, 2009

Petroleum

Update: Shell's 145,000 b/d Anacortes, Washington Refinery Returns to Planned Rates May 6

Shell announced today that its refinery in Anacortes, Washington has returned to planned rates following the April 23 force majeure declaration following a plant-wide power outage.

http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/djf500/200905060847DOWJONESDJONLINE000679_FORTUNE5.htm

Reuters, 14:13 May 5, 2009

Update: Eni SpA Resumes Normal Exports of Crude from Brass River Terminal in Nigeria Following Delay due to Security Concerns, NNPC Official Says

A representative for the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) told the press that Eni SpA's recent force majeure declaration on Brass River crude exports has been lifted. An Eni spokesperson declined to comment.

Bloomberg News, 06:32 May 6, 2009

Armed Attackers Blow Up North Oil Company Pipeline in Iraq May 6

An official with the state-run North Oil Company said early this morning, an unidentified group of armed attackers blew up a pipeline it owns and operates in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk. The attack caused pumping from 15 wells to stop, but officials said exports are not affected.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gE26bxlljl-g-G28itYI0QOf17cMw>

Natural Gas

Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company Reports Rupture on Gas Line in Indiana – Explosion Reported May 5

In a notice to shippers, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company reported a rupture on a natural gas pipeline downstream from the Montezuma compressor station in Indiana. The 24-inch line extends from the Oklahoma panhandle northeast into Michigan. The notice said, based on current nominations, no impact to customers is expected. The rupture caused a fiery explosion in Parke County, Indiana in which officials say there were no injuries reported.

<http://infopost.panhandleenergy.com/InfoPost/jsp/NoticeDetail.jsp?NoticeId=4172>

http://www.tribstar.com/local/local_story_126001152.html

Bloomberg News, 12:53 May 6, 2009

NTSB to Begin Investigation into Florida Gas Transmission Company's May 4 Pipeline Rupture in Martin County, Florida

A pipeline operated by Florida Gas Transmission Company ruptured on May 4 in Florida, forcing the closure of Florida's Turnpike and I-95 just south of Palm City, Florida for hours. The investigation into the cause of the rupture may take up to one year, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) said May 5. The portion of the pipeline that broke is part of a 5,000-mile system running from south Texas into Florida.

<http://www.tcpalm.com/news/2009/may/05/investgators-begin-probe-into-martin-county/>

Other News

Coalition of Massachusetts Utilities File Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan with Expectations of Saving Massachusetts Customers up to \$4 Billion

In response to the Governor of Massachusetts's request, the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council, comprised of a number of power and natural gas utilities, has proposed a three-year \$1.8 billion energy efficiency and conservation plan expected to save customers more than \$4 billion. The coalition intends to develop its plan to meet demand by first investing in efficiency and demand reduction, before purchasing new energy supplies. The utilities predict their plan will save up to 2.5 million MWh of electricity and approximately 45 million therms of natural gas in three years.

<http://www.ma-eeac.org/>

<http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSN0550356620090505>

Chevron Begins Production on Deepwater Tahiti Project in Gulf of Mexico May 5

Chevron and its partners announced production has started at the deepwater Tahiti project in the Gulf of Mexico. Said to be the deepest producing field in the Gulf, Tahiti is expected to produce 125,000 bbls of crude oil and 70 MMcf of natural gas before the end of 2009.

<http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20090506-707955.html>

Bloomberg News, 10:05 May 6, 2009

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
May 6, 2009			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	56.30	49.61	122.23
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	3.62	3.29	10.77

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

SRU Malfunction Causes Emissions Event at Alon USA's 67,000 b/d Big Spring, Texas Refinery May 5

<http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oc/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=123850>

Siemens to Build Wind Turbine Manufacturing Plant in Kansas

Reuters, 15:33 May 5, 2009

Heritage Oil Discovers Between 2.3 Billion Barrels - 4.2 Billion Barrels of Oil in Miran West Field, Kurdish Area of Iraq

Reuters, 10:27 May 6, 2009

Update: Following Likely Legislative Approval, PdVSA Will Assume Control of Some Oil Field Services Held by Private Firms

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/wire/sns-ap-lt-venezuela-oil-contractors.1.7017417.story>

Bloomberg News, 10:40 May 5, 2009

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<http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/twip/twip.asp>

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http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/weekly_petroleum_status_report/wpsr.html

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